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2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-8, 10-19 and 21-23.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
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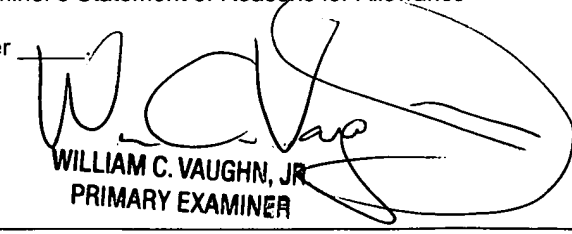
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3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_
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5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☒ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date 3/20/06.
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☐ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

  
WILLIAM C. VAUGHN, JR.  
PRIMARY EXAMINER

## **SUPPLEMENTAL DETAILED ACTION**

### **EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT**

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Sunjay Y. Mohan, Reg. No. 56,739 on 20 March 2006.

### **IN THE CLAIMS**

Please amend claims 13 and 17 as follows:

13. (Currently Amended) A computer-readable data ~~carrying~~ storage medium having software program code stored thereon, the software program code comprising:

a programmatic peer networking device service control module providing programmatic control of logical device services on a computer device by application software running on a different computing device on a data communications network via a peer-to-peer networking connectivity service control protocol;

an application programming interface for access by the application software, the application programming interface exposed by a service object created based on a service description message comprising a set of actions invocable on the logical device services, the service object created by the programmatic peer networking device service control module, the application programming interface being a run-time dispatch interface having an invoke service action method member, the

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invoke service action method member accepting an action identifier, ingoing action arguments, outgoing action arguments, and action return value as parameters upon invocation by the application software, wherein the action identifiers, the ingoing action arguments, the outgoing action arguments and the action return values correspond to those of the set of actions specified in the service description message and are specified therein, the set of actions including at least one action not available for invocation by application software previous to the creation of the service object; and

invoke service action method member-implementing code of the programmatic peer networking device service control module operating responsive to an invocation of the invoke service action method member on the application programming interface by the application software to exchange data messages with a logical device service of a separate computing device on the data communications network in accordance with the peer-to-peer networking connectivity service control protocol so as to invoke an action of the logical device service including the at least one action not available for invocation by application software previous to the creation of the service object as per the parameters of the invoke service action method member and pass outgoing action arguments and action return value from the logical device service back to the application software.

17. (Currently Amended) A software module carried on a ~~tangible~~ computer-executable software ~~carrying~~ storage medium, the software module operable for:

providing programmatic control of a logical device running a computing device by an application software on a different computing device over a data communications network by

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exposing a programming interface for providing programmatic logical device service control via peer networking connectivity, the programming interface comprising:

an invoke action method member having parameters for passing an action identifier, action arguments and action return value;

wherein an implementation of the invoke action method member in the software module converts an invocation of the invoke action method member into an exchange of text messages with the logical device via peer networking connectivity based on a service description obtained from the logical device to control a service of the logical device; and

a logical device state call back method member having parameters for passing a reference to a call back interface for reporting change of the logical device's state to other registered devices on the network.

### ***Conclusion***

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Peling A. Shaw whose telephone number is (571) 272-7968. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:00-6:00, 1st and 2nd Friday Off.

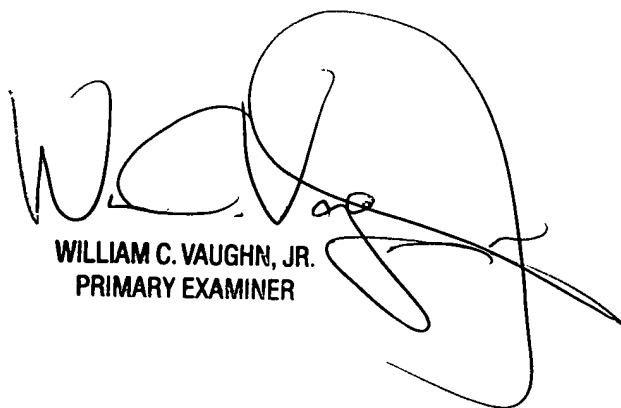
If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, William C. Vaughn, Jr. can be reached on (571) 272-3922. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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